



NOTICE OF MEETING

TO: Transportation Interim Committee

FROM: Benjamin N. Christensen, Research Analyst

DATE: May 7, 2002

SUBJECT: May 22 Meeting

Sen. David H. Steele and Rep. Joseph G. Murray have scheduled a meeting of the Transportation Interim Committee as follows:

DATE: **Wednesday, May 22, 2002**
TIME: **9:00 a.m.**
PLACE: **Room 405 State Capitol**

An agenda is included. If you are unable to attend, please call me or Junie Anderson at 538-1032.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sen. David H. Steele, Senate Chair
Rep. Joseph G. Murray, House Chair

Sen. Dan R. Eastman
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Ed P. Mayne
Sen. Carlene M. Walker

Rep. Gerry A. Adair
Rep. Don E. Bush
Rep. Stephen D. Clark
Rep. Marda Dillree
Rep. Neil A. Hansen

Rep. David L. Hogue
Rep. Kory M. Holdaway
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Karen W. Morgan
Rep. Max W. Young

AGENDA
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 22, 2002 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 405 State Capitol

Approximate
Time Frame¹

9:00 a.m. 1. Committee Business

The Committee's consideration of the minutes of the April 24, 2002 Transportation Interim Committee meeting is needed.

9:05 a.m. 2. Transportation Revenue – Motor Fuel and Special Fuel Taxes

State motor fuel and special fuel taxes are the primary funding source for state highway construction and maintenance, amounting to approximately 85% of the revenue in the Transportation Fund. The fuel tax rate for highways has been 24.5 cents per gallon since 1997. In fiscal year 2000, the annual average fuel tax paid per vehicle was \$142. Who pays fuel taxes? How are propane, natural gas, and electricity included? How have the rates changed over time? How does inflation effect fuel tax revenues? How do Utah fuel taxes compare with other states? Are changes needed to the structure or rates of motor fuel and special fuel taxes?

9:45 a.m. 3. Transportation Corridor Preservation

During the 1996 General Session, the Legislature created the Transportation Corridor Preservation Revolving Loan Fund to help fund the acquisition of property for state, county, and municipal transportation corridors as prioritized by the Transportation Commission. In the 1997 General Session, the Legislature imposed a 2.5% tax on all short-term vehicle rentals for use in the fund. In 2000, the Legislature passed a bill declaring that corridor preservation is a public purpose and allowing the Department of Transportation, counties, and municipalities to undertake planning and preservation processes and acquire property rights to limit development up to 20 years in advance of transportation facility construction. What is the status of the fund? How many properties have been purchased? Are the right properties being purchased? Is the program achieving the results envisioned by the Legislature? What changes are needed?

! Carlos Braceras, Utah Department of Transportation

! Lyle D. McMillan, Utah Department of Transportation

10:30 a.m. 4. Vehicle Impound Fee for DUI Cases

Under Section 41-6-102.5, a vehicle or motorboat that is impounded for a DUI offense may not be released unless a \$200 administrative impound fee is paid. Twenty-five dollars of the fee goes to the Motor Vehicle Division, \$84 is used for enforcement of drug and alcohol-related offenses, and the remainder goes to the General Fund. The statute does not provide exceptions for cases in which: (a) the charges are dropped, (b) the offense is charged under another non-DUI or drug offense, or (c) the defendant is not convicted. Should the Legislature make some specific exceptions from the \$200 fee? What is the current practice of the State Tax Commission?

! Rod Marrelli, Utah State Tax Commission

11:00 a.m. 5. Other Committee Business

6. Adjourn